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Chapter 1331 The Devil Race Unlocked

"We accept the quest because we will be going there anyway." Adrian stated as Cairo also accepted the quest.

"Be careful in going there as there might be some monsters or even people that have been corrupted by the Shadow of Apophis. It might just be a fragment of the real distorted god, but it is still immensely powerful. For my champion, I shall give you something in return for your great loyalty towards me." The Sun God Ra stated as he gifted Cairo a golden scarab that is a replica of the vestige.

When the golden scarab attached itself to Cairo's chest, his whole golden armor reacted to it and activated. Cairo suddenly transformed into a three-meter-tall golden warrior with the head of a falcon. His weapon looked like a mix between a spear and a magic staff. He got the skill called Sun God Champion Transformation.

He can conjure up magic using the weapon and also create soldiers from sand itself. The sand soldiers looked like an inferior copy of Cairo's Sun God Champion Transformation. Cairo almost cried as this is the first time that he got a powerful skill related to his job class. He always needed to find magic of the light element by himself or learn from other vessels of gods.

Skill Name: Sun God Champion Transformation

Tier: Unique (Available only to the Champion of the Sun God Ra)

Type: Transformation Skill

Effect:

- Increases defense of the user by 100% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the attack damage of the user by 100% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the magic damage of the user by 100% for the duration of the skill.

- Increases the Strength stat of the user by 30% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the Intelligence stat of the user by 50% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the Agility stat of the user by 30% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the Endurance stat of the user by 30% for the duration of the skill.
- Increases the Vitality stat of the user by 30% for the duration of the skill.

Duration: 20 minutes

Cooldown: 8 hours

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant

Cairo could not believe that he received such a powerful skill that he made Adrian have a look. Adrian is glad that Cairo got a powerful skill, but it also made him very worried. He thought that he was just overthinking that a powerful skill was given to Cairo because the skill would be extremely difficult.

"He was given that skill because of his great devotion, right?" Adrian thought to himself, but he would later think that is not the case.

"Thank you very much! I will always pray to the Sun God Ra whenever I see the sun." Cairo stated while showering the Sun God Ra with numerous praises.

"It is only fitting that my devotion be given to my wondrous champion that held on and believed that I will return. Unfortunately, time with you must be cut short as I have done too much with the prince's body. We must rest so that we can defend ourselves should we get attacked without you being my guards. For the Champion of the Twin Gods that retrieved my vestiges, I shall gift you this." The Sun God Ra stated as he gave Adrian an orb that looked like a small sun.

When the Sun God Ra gave his gift to Adrian, the dazzling light surrounding Prince Amun faded as the young boy fainted. Cairo caught Prince Amun so that he does not hurt himself and brought him to his parents. Cairo then explained that Prince Amun will likely become a Vessel of the Sun God Ra once the sun god returns to his prime.

The king and queen of the Kingdom of the Sun are worried and glad about this information. They are glad that the Sun God Ra is protecting their child, but they are also worried that the sun god's enemies will also become their son's enemies. Still, the king and queen are grateful because their child lived because of the Sun God's blessing.

Adrian and Cairo said their farewells to the Kingdom of the Sun and told them that they will return once they retrieved the missing soul of the Sun God Ra. The two were about to teleport to the western continent when they suddenly heard a world message. It was something that Adrian already expected but he did not expect that it would be this early.

[The Hell Gate has permanently been fixed to the main world Nebulon.]

[The Devil Contractors have successfully defended it from those that wanted it destroyed. They also managed to complete the Trial of Hell.]

[The Devil Race will now be unlocked to all the players. New players can now choose the Devil Race as their starting race.]

[To those that want to change their race to the Devil Race, they must enter the Hell Gate and go to hell.]

[Disclaimer: Some skills might be deleted when changing to the Devil Race. Some job classes will also be unavailable due to race restrictions.]

"It seems that the Devil Race has appeared just as you expected. It seems the Hell Gate is really the thing needed to unlock the Devil Race." Cairo stated.

"It is not the Hell Gate that unlocked it as that was just the first requirement. It might be a powerful player that unlocked the Devil Race. It might be the guild leader of the reported Shaitan guild. Awraka already told us that they were the ones that created the Infernal Hand." Adrian stated.

"Wow! Our intelligence operatives are really great! I guess Awraka is a special case because she is a Shade. Her race is perfect for espionage that I am a bit jealous." Cairo stated.

"You say your jealous when you actually got a powerful skill just now." Adrian stated.

"I did but you also got a skill." Cairo replied.

Chapter 1332 Descending Sun

Adrian's gift is actually a skill called Descending Sun. It was a summoner exclusive skill that calls upon the wrath of the Sun God Ra. To make things even sweeter, the skill was mythical tier, and it could actually evolve into the Transcendent Tier which he did not expect.

Skill Name: Descending Sun

Tier: Mythical (Can evolve into Transcendent tier)

Type: Active Summoning Spell (Summoner Exclusive)

Effect:

- Select a target area to hit that will summon the Wrath of the Sun God.
- The area will be dealt 20, 000 % pure magical damage of the light attribute.
- All targets affected in the area will be burned for 10 minutes that deals 100% of your magical damage every ten seconds. This cannot be extinguished with healing skills below Epic Tier.

- All allies in the area will receive a buff that gives their attacks and spells extra light attribute damage equal to 100% of your magic damage.

Cooldown: 24 hours

Mana Cost: 20, 000 Mana Points

Cast Time: 30 seconds

Restriction: Cannot be Traded. Item is bound to player Equinox.

Adrian could not believe that he received such a powerful skill, and it made him glad. He has great difficulty in getting spells and skill that are useful or even compatible with him. The Daemos do not really have much spell books or skill books because they grow their mastery of Arcane magic by constantly using it.

Adrian did not even think twice and absorbed the skill as he could use it. He always thought that elemental type spells will be incompatible with him but that could be bypassed. He is now thinking of getting summoner exclusive skills that deal elemental damage. He already has the elemental dragon summoning but that is not enough for him.

"Now that I have learned the skill, I think we must immediately head to the western continent. The Sun God Ra stated that we must go in haste as the Shadow of Apophis might have been released from its seal. We shall head to the Temple of Bastet first to inform the High Priestess Estet of what is happening." Adrian stated as he took Cairo's hand to teleport away.

Inside the depths of the Thorny Pit where dozens of mutated centipede monsters squirm, a fiendish voice is rambling about its awakening. The fiendish voice came from a serpent that has scales exuding a dark light swallowing even the smallest light reaching the depths of the Thorny Pit. It was talking to the caged falcon glowing in a warm light, but that light could be seen fluttering due to it being greatly weakened.

"It is such a shame that the Sun God Ra will not be able to see my complete resurrection. You have been guarding me here ever since you fell from grace but to think that people will forget about you. No wonder you have grown weaker, and my influence slipped through the cracks.

It is such a shame that I am only talking to an empty husk tasked with guarding me. I shall engulf this world in eternal torment, but you will not be there to see it. Once I fused back to the main body left in your divine realm, I will make sure to swallow all you children." The Shadow of Apophis stated as it has some parts of the distorted god's sentience.

The glowing falcon that is trapped can only try to destroy the cage that it was trapped in so that it could warn the other gods of the western continent, but it has grown far too weak. Not only did the Shadow of Apophis encroached upon the people near the Thorny Pit by sending offerings to it, but the prayers to the Sun God Ra have also become minimal. The people of the western continent have slowly forgotten of their most powerful deity.

If the Sun God Ra was always worshipped, then the seal to the Shadow of Apophis might have been much more difficult to destroy. The Shadow of Apophis is not yet surfacing as it was still consolidating its powers before emerging from the Thorny Pit. If it wanted to reunite with the main body, then it needs to swallow the other parts being held by the other western continent gods.

It will succeed and for that it lays in wait like the predator it is. It has waited for so long and it does not bother itself with some more. It has spent a year consolidating its power and also taking more offerings to hasten its growth. The Shadow of Apophis is making sure that even the Vessels of Gods will not be able to defeat it.

It is also anticipating that some gods might descend but it also wants that to happen. If it were to eat these gods, then reaching the divine realm where its main body is will not be a pipe dream. It shall devour this world and the other gods residing in it once it becomes whole once again.

Adrian and Cairo appeared at the Temple of Bastet where they were immediately welcomed because the Champion of the Twin Gods is a VIP here. Adrian told them that they needed to meet with Estet as it is an emergency, but it seems that the elders of the Temple of Bastet were already meeting up because they sense something amiss in the western continent.

They were led to the meeting room as Adrian told them that his information is vital for the survival of the western continent. The moment they entered the room, the two could feel the tense atmosphere inside of it. It seems that the temple elders were discussing a very heavy topic as well.

"Champion Equinox! I would say that it is nice to meet you, but the state of the Western Continent is not something stable right now." The High Priestess Estet stated.

"We also came here because of that. We believe that the Shadow of Apophis sealed in the Thorny Pit has started to awaken." Adrian stated in a serious tone as he did not want to beat around the bush.

Chapter 1333 The Thorny Pit I

The Temple of Bastet wanted to believe that the words that Adrian spewed but they do not have any record of a fragment of Apophis sealed within the depths of the Thorny Pit. Adrian already knew that this would happen because the Sun God Ra had told them that there were no records to make sure that no one tampers with the Thorny Pit.

The Thorny Pit was meant to be a secret sealing site to make sure that the fragment of Apophis does not get released by human hands. It is a good security implementation but a double-edged sword if something like the situation they are in now is happening. Since the two knew that they would not be believed by mere words, Cairo took out the token that the Sun God Ra has given him.

The moment Cairo took out the token from his inventory, the Goddess Bastet immediately descended upon Estet. She took the token that Cairo took out and suddenly wept as she found it very familiar. She could not believe that she would feel this warm energy once again that is reminiscent of the energy that the Sun God Ra gives off.

"Where did you get this relic?" The Goddess Bastet stated as all the other priests bowed towards her.

"We should only say this to you and the elders because we trust that no one here will betray the Sun God Ra. He has awakened from his slumber, but he is not yet fully resurrected." Cairo stated as he needed to keep some of the information under wraps and give them only what they need.

"That token was given to us by the Sun God Ra himself. He is currently recuperating in one of the hidden temples of the Sun God. We were tasked to investigate the Thorny Pit because the Sun God Ra feels that the seal to the fragment of Apophis is getting loose.

It might be due to the leaking energy of a distorted god that the western continent is suddenly experiencing weird phenomenon like misplaced weather. It will not hurt to check as all we need is to drop down to the Thorny Pit to investigate." Adrian stated as he deliberately gave them partially correct information.

Adrian messaged Cairo to back up his claims as they do not know who an enemy among them could be. It is not farfetched to become very cautious as the Sun God Ra is at his most vulnerable state as of now. Prince Amun might be the perfect vessel, but he is still a young boy that cannot use all of the powers of the Sun God Ra.

"Yes! I also told Equinox about the weird things happening in the western continent which is why he wanted to come. It seems that the strange phenomenon also reached the ears of the Daemos

Elders which is why they sent their best." Cairo stated with a smile while Adrian gave him a small thumbs up.

"If it is just the Thorny Pit then you are free to investigate it as the Temple of Ammit that has claimed jurisdiction of that area does not really actively manage that site. It is not unfair to say that the area that the Temple of Ammit reigns is a lawless zone because they do not actively help those in the territory where they founded their temple." The High Priestess Estet stated as the Goddess Bastet no longer possessed her.

"I know that it is too much to ask but we need your aid in investigating. We do not know if the fragment has already been unsealed as no one checked up on it ever since. If the fragment that was sealed there really awakened, then we would need the strength of the Temple of Bastet to deal with the situation. We shall also go to the Temple of the Storm to get the aid of the vessel of the God Seth." Adrian stated as he believes that they would actively help them.

"Do not worry as the Goddess Bastet has commanded all of us to mobilize to make sure that the will of the Sun God Ra be done. The Goddess Bastet is pleased that the Sun God Ra has managed to finally get resurrected and wants to hasten that process by dispelling his worries." The High Priestess Estet stated.

"I think it is best that the Temple of Bastet moved first towards the Thorny Pit while we fetch the Temple of the Storm's followers for back-up." Adrian stated as they need to secure the place as soon as possible.

Adrian still has the Trinket of the Desert Jackal that was given to him by the God Seth. He will use the command should he be forced as he still has three chances to use it. The High Priestess Estet has clearly told Adrian that the worshippers of the Temple of the Storms are different compared to the other worshippers as they are battle born.

The people that live near the Temple of the Storms that worships the God Seth are all hardened warriors that treat the desert as their playground. They do not fear anything that walks in the harsh sands of the Western Continent as they were trained since birth to be able to handle it. They are also followers that fight for survival and would hunt even the most vicious of beasts so that they can eat.

"If you are going to the Temple of the Storms then this time of year would be the best. The sandstorms lingering in their area is not that strong at this time. Do you wish for some of us to escort you there?" The High Priestess Estet asked.

"No need as we will be able to navigate to the location by ourselves since the place is not that difficult to reach. I will just teleport us to the rough location and Cairo will be the one that will be my guide. It is best for all of you to mobilize and see the initial state of the Thorny Pit as soon as possible." Adrian stated as mobilizing the warriors of the Temple of Bastet will take quite some time.

"If that is the case then I wish the two of you your safe travels. We will start our preparation immediately so that we can depart as soon as possible. We can even reach the Thorny Pit in a day should we be quick in our preparation." The High Priestess Estet stated as Adrian and Cairo left the Temple of Bastet.

"Do you know where the Temple of the Storm is located?" Cairo asked.

"Not really as I have never been there before. I wanted to go and see the city that is built by the Temple of the Storm, but I got quite busy. I do have special command over the people of that temple because of a certain quest that I did in the western continent. We must make haste point to me where we will need to teleport." Adrian stated as he brought out a map so that Cairo can point to the location.

"The Temple of the Storm is located here in an area called Endless Sandstorm Desert. It is actually a place where sandstorms always happen, but the intensity varies. The city is called Seth in honor of the God Seth and a large barrier is covering the entire city to make sure that the sand does not enter. It is quite grand and beautiful but the people there are very tough." Cairo stated as he remembered his previous experience.

"Ok then. How do you feel about flying?" Adrian asked as he wanted to know if Cairo gets dizzy.

"I am quite good with heights. Will we ride Kanlaon to get there?" Cairo asked but he remembered that they would teleport there.

"No but I just wanted to ask if you are great with heights as you might need to prepare for the next thing that will happen." Adrian stated as he grabbed Cairo by the neck again.

Cairo suddenly wanted to yell stop, but he could not mutter anything as they vanished from the location. The next thing that Cairo knew is that he is free falling out of the sky. He could feel the clouds touching his cheek as he screamed his lungs out.

He suddenly knew why the core guild members looked at him with great pity when Adrian told him to go on a quest with him. They even asked if they would go into uncharted territory, and he replied with yes. The encouragement that he got was 'make sure to always be prepared mentally'.

He thought that the core guild members were just messing with him, but their warning is actually very heartfelt. Cairo told himself to always listen to the core guild members from now on when they talk about their guild master. He now knows why the nickname of The Demon is perfect for their guild master.

Chapter 1334 The Thorny Pit II

After a few minutes of free falling to their deaths at least from Cairo's perspective, the city that is clad in a barrier to protect itself from the sand is now in full view. Cairo could not believe that they really did get teleported to the location, but he is still falling to his doom and Adrian looked quite calm when he looked at the latter's direction.

Cairo wanted to speak but the sudden air pressure made him unable to do so as he is still human. He is not like the other core guild members of the Pantheon guild that are literally inhuman. There is a reason why they could speak even if they are freely falling to their supposed deaths. The only way for Cairo to say that he is in trouble is the fact that he needs to squirm with every fiber of his being.

Adrian noticed that Cairo was doing motions that are odd and he thought that the latter was just happy to feel the air. Adrian smiled and gave him a thumbs up as he wanted to tell Cairo that he is doing a great job. Adrian remembered that his friends would cause a racket in mid-air which is why he praised Cairo for experimenting with flight.

Cairo suddenly had this doomed expression as he thought that he would really die from the sudden fall. He could only stop exerting his body and just let himself get carried away by gravity. He already resigned himself to his fate to die from falling.

"This is my fate. I have never tried death by falling from a vast height so this should be the same. I guess I should find a way to fly the next time that I go in a mission with the guild master. Goodbye cruel world!" Cairo stated as he shed a tear as he closed his eyes.

Just as Cairo thought that he would certainly die from the sudden fall, he noticed that there was no longer air pressure slamming him on the face. When he opened his eyes, he could see that his body is suspended in the air. He then looked towards Adrian and saw that the guild master spread his wings that looked like a cosmic sky.

"Are you okay? You can stand up now." Adrian stated as he used Gravity Manipulation to stop their descent.

One would think that Cairo's body would have become broken if a sudden halt to the free-falling force was done but that was overruled by arcane magic. Adrian not only used spatial magic to halt Cairo's fall, but he also used temporal magic to slow the effects of force which is also controlled in arcane magic. The next thing that Adrian did is to scan the surroundings as he noticed that they were already surrounded.

Adrian and Cairo landed at the front of the city where the Temple of Storms is located. He expected that the city is heavily protected, but he did not expect that the guards were actually hiding deep within the sands. They definitely took the whole sand thing to the next level as they were already one with the sands.

The city is not even being passed by merchants or any caravan, but Adrian saw fields inside the city. He could more or less determine that the city is self sufficient by using those. The God Seth is all about rising through adversity and the fact that they made this possible earned them great praise from him. A field in the most barren land called the desert is something almost impossible unless they are incredibly skilled.

"I am standing up." Cairo stated as he stood up from his funny position facing the sand below.

"I thought you liked lying down in front of sand even though you are not feeling it. I guess you love the western continent that much." Adrian teased Cairo as the latter stood up and readied his weapon.

Cairo immediately knew that they were surrounded when his feet touched the sand. He could detect the life energy from the ones buried in the sand. This is a skill that he gained when he became the Champion of the Sun God called Desert Ruler.

Skill Name: Desert Ruler

Skill Tier: Epic

Type: Detection Passive Skill

Effect:

- Enables the user to detect enemies around him when the skill holder's body touches the sand.

Area of Effect: 20 meter radius with the skill holder being at the center

Cooldown: None

Mana Cost: None

Cast Time: Instant when the skill holder's body touches the ground.

"Calm down. They are just observing us. If you start to attack, then they will be hostile." Adrian stated as he ignored the people surrounding them and floated towards the gate.

"Wow! This is the first time that I noticed but your feet are not touching the ground." Cairo stated as he was amazed.

"It is an effect of my cloak, but I only do it when we are not in battle." Adrian stated as he showed off his cloak.

"I want an item like that too!" Cairo replied as his eyes shined.

The two reached the gates of the city that is guarded by numerous warriors clad in gold armor. There were also Desert Jackals that serve as guard dogs. Just trying to go in front of the gate is already a bold move as the two are not even invited inside of the city.

"We can enter this city, right?" Adrian asked.

"Yeah! We just need to pay the fine of 5 gold coins." Cairo stated.

"Expensive!" Adrian replied as he thought that the city gate toll was on the high side.

"That is to be expected as this is what you really call a sanctuary in one of the harshest deserts." Cairo stated.

"Maybe I should also use a toll on Avalon?" Adrian muttered.

"A toll? But there is already one in place though?" Cairo stated as he reached out in his inventory for five gold to pay for the gate toll.

"There is no toll in Avalon though?! My sister is the one managing the territory finances when she has the time and she said that there is none." Adrian stated as he also paid five gold coins to the guard.

"If I remember correctly, the portals cost like one silver coin per activation as that is the only way to enter Avalon safely." Cairo stated as they entered the city.

"Eh?!" Adrian replied as he did not expect that was considered the toll fee.

"We entered in a legit manner but why are we still being watched like a hawk?" Cairo whispered as he thought that the prying eyes would go away once they pay the toll of the gate.

"We arrived here in an unconventional way. If someone arrived like falling from the sky and ended up being unharmed, will you not observe them when they enter your territory?" Adrian replied in a serious manner as he knows that feeling.

"I see. This is the first time that felt like I am a person of interest or so they say in spy movies." Cairo stated as he found the situation quite appealing.

"No need to worry about that because the person that we need to meet is already coming to us." Adrian stated as he could feel a powerful force heading towards them like a powerful sandstorm. He recognizes this energy, and he smiled as he would not need to cause a commotion to find him.

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Sadiki was minding his own business and training as usual with the other temple guards when he detected foreign energy enter the city. He is connected to this city as the barrier is powered by an artifact that the God Seth has entrusted him with. As long as it is within the city, he could detect the energy signatures of those that enter it.

He cannot be mistaken of this energy signature albeit being quite faint. He knew it was arcane energy as only the Daemos possessed this unique energy signature. He then placed his hand on the ground and sent his mana all across the city. When he received the feedback of the mana signature, Sadiki smiled as he is no familiar of the one possessing this energy.

Without even warning the guards in training, Sadiki immediately propelled himself towards the location of the energy signature. Just as Sadiki was heading towards the energy signature, his patron god suddenly contacted him via an oracle and told him that he needs to meet with the Champion of the Twin Gods immediately.

Sadiki replied that the Champion of the Twin Gods is already inside the City of Storms. When the God Seth heard the reply, he immediately descended onto Sadiki's body. Sadiki, who was using his own mana to propel him forward, suddenly vanished into sand particles. The believers of the God Seth all bowed as they could feel that their patron god has descended into the world.

Chapter 1335 The Thorny Pit III

A powerful force of swirling sand suddenly appeared before Adrian and Cairo. Adrian knew that the person approaching them was Sadiki at first, but the energy signature suddenly intensified. He more or less guess that the God Seth has descended as if he was expecting them to appear in the territory.

Adrian suddenly felt that the eyes watching them are gone as he looked around their general area. The people around them that are staying in the city are all praying. Cairo also noticed this and knew that the patron god of the city has descended onto his vessel.

Adrian and Cairo are suddenly swept up inside a sandstorm and they could not evade it. Adrian suddenly felt a powerful surge of divine energy sweep up their body. Adrian and Cairo did not even bother to resist as they heard the voice of the God Seth tell them that he is there to take them away.

The next thing that both of them knew is that they are sent to to the main temple of the God Seth located at the very center of the city. The Temple of the Storm is made of mostly glass as if the sand itself became crafted into it by intense heat. The temple guards and priests are also wearing very armored clothing as if they are always ready for a battle.

The sand swirl that carried them all the way to the core of the temple where the throne of the vessel is located. Sadiki or rather the God Seth sat down on the throne as he looked at the two people present in his temple. He had a great smile on his face because it was not only Adrian that arrived but also the Champion of the Sun God.

"I have heard the news from Bastet. The Sun God Ra has finally awakened. To think that a day such as this would finally arrive. I thought I would have to struggle for one more millennium before my father has revived. Please tell me how you managed to awaken my father." The God Seth stated as he listened eagerly to the story.

Adrian then started to recant the story as he was the one that got all of the vestiges as the God Seth told him to. He then told them about the angels kidnapping Prince Amun to the reason why that might be the trigger of the Sun God Ra's early awakening. Adrian also told him about the mission that they were given as that is the real reason why he is in the western continent in the first place.

"I always knew those winged bastards were troublesome but to think that they would even attempt to take the vessel of the Sun God Ra as hostage for their pitiful selves. I will make sure to tear any angel that I encounter in the western continent!" The God Seth stated as his eyes brimmed with a passion for vengeance.

"That is quite good an all but not all of the angels are at his side anyway. Some angels decided to live as humans and integrate in society. The ones that we need to watch out for are those that think they are high and mighty just because they are living above the clouds.

Also, we must not waste time on them right now because a part of a distorted god that is your lifelong enemy might be awakened from its seal. Will you help us investigate the Thorny Pit just as we have told you? I could even use one of the commands of my trinket in order to make sure that all of the followers will follow my command." Adrian stated as he is serious about the threat of a part of a distorted god.

A dark god descending back then leveled an entire empire and countless deaths happened in a blink of an eye. That dark god did not even want the destruction of the world but the distorted god that they will battle against wants to do just that. The Distorted God Apophis wants the world to be its meal and destroy it in the process.

"You have no need of using the token that I have given you because I already called upon about half of my best warriors. They will aid you in the threat that is to be investigated. The Sun God Ra is not one to say things just out of caution.

If he believes that the world might end, then there is a large possibility that could be true. Sun Gods have the ability to partially peer into the future after all which is why they are powerful and rare. My father does not give lies even if he is in a weakened state as of now." The God Seth stated.

Adrian and Cairo did not know that the Sun Gods can peer into the future. Adrian thought that the ability to foresee events in the future are only related to Gods of Divine Sight and those that worship them but that is not the case. Having a Sun God as an ally might have been advantageous back then which is why they must have been killed off.

The war between gods can easily be tipped off in another's favor by simple predictions. The gods that can do that were the first ones to die. Some gods that can foresee events managed to hole themselves away from the world, but they are now completely forgotten. In the end, the gods that could foresee events in the future became weakened without the faith of their believers.

"Sadiki will also come with you as I would feel much at ease for my vessel to be there. I could descend if something were to occur but make sure that it is only during the daytime should you

fight. The serpent becomes much more powerful during the night, and I will not be able to descend as well." The God Seth stated.

Adrian internalized the things that were said to them as even he does not know how powerful a fragment of a distorted god is. If they are as powerful as a demigod, then they would definitely have a difficult time just trying to scratch it. He is even wary of the Vessel of Ammit as she might have been compromised as well and help the fragment of Apophis to devour the world just like it wanted.

"Should we ask for the help of another temple?" Cairo asked Adrian as he also knows some temples that have an amiable relationship with him.

"It is better that the other temples are not informed unless we have solid evidence. We also do not know if they have sided with the Distorted God Apophis. The Western Gods are not as united as you think as some have turned around one another. Some even turned a blind eye to those that need help which is why I think they are weak." The God Seth stated.

"I also agree because we do not know who our enemies are could be. There might even be some that infiltrated the other temples and are just lying in wait. We need to verify if the fragment is still sealed before going into an all-out assault." Adrian stated.

"I wish you luck in the upcoming investigation, champions. I will let my vessel handle the rest." The God Seth stated as he no longer possessed Sadiki's body.

Sadiki regained the control of his body and knew what he needed to do next. About half of the golden warriors of the Temple of the Storm began preparing for deployment. Adrian and Cairo are looking at the impressive way that the temple conducted their mission.

"We are now ready, Champion Equinox." Sadiki stated and Adrian nodded as the latter opened a portal using dimensional teleportation. He plans to send them to the nearest area where the Thorny Pit is located.

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"We are still about five hours away from the Thorny Pit. Eight if we are unlucky and encounter a sandstorm." Cairo stated but Sadiki only chuckled as well as the other golden warriors of the Temple of Seth.

"Do not worry, Champion Cairo! The Warriors of the Sand does not wait for the sandstorm to be quelled because we summon it ourselves!" Sadiki stated in great bravado which made the golden warriors cheer.

"We are one hundred three in total. It will make our movement easily detected which is why we must move fast should we get caught. Ready your mounts as we will not stop running until we reach the Thorny Pit. The Temple of Bastet already got a head start on us and they might be in trouble if the fragment has already awakened." Adrian stated as he summoned Kanlaon.

The golden warriors shouted and also summoned their mounts which are Desert Jackals. With their entourage, they look like they would be people that will conquer and pillage a city.

Chapter 1336 The Thorny Pit IV

Adrian summoned Kanlaon as he will be the one that will lead the charge. He also applied a buff to all the people in the party as Kanlaon could increase their overall speed. Kanlaon leading the front will also eliminate the drag or air resistance in front of them.

The golden warriors led by Sadiki understood the assignment and blitzed through the path led before them. Cairo hanged on for dear life as he is hugging Kanlaon's body with all he has. Adrian found it hilarious because he can just sit normally like him as Kanlaon negates air pressure.

As their number is that of a hundred, the people that pass by the way to the Thorny Pit noticed the sudden arrival of a hundred golden warriors. They noticed that it was led by the Storm Lunatic Sadiki which is why they did not bother them as they do not want to deal with them. The people of the western continent do not want to deal with the followers of the God Seth because of Sadiki's reputation.

The ones that have a motive are lurking in the shadows just as they should. They reported to the Vessel of Ammit that the Vessel of Seth has entered the Thorny Pit along. The only thing that they reported though is that they are following a dragon that they seem to be hunting.

Adrian made sure to tell Kanlaon to bend the light so that he and Cairo will appear invisible. He planned to fake a scenario where the followers of the God Seth are out to hunt a dragon. It might not be a fool proof plan, but it should buy them enough time to investigate the Thorny Pit without the disturbance of others.

The way to the Thorny Pit is a place where the sand is slightly darker which is a sign of corruption. Even the resilient cactus does not grow in this sand. The plants that do grow here have turned into blood sucking plant monsters that kill anyone foolish enough to get near them.

A lot of vicious centipede monsters also crawl out of the Thorny Pit. These centipede monsters come in all shapes and sizes. Only those with a death wish or want to escape persecution come here. Due to the nature of the Thorny Pit, it has become a place of execution for those that defy the will of the Ammit.

They have reached the Thorny Pit with such speed that even the monsters loitering there were not able to react. Some of the monsters already cowered when faced with Kanlaon's aura while some scattered when they saw the huge army of golden warriors. When they arrived at the location, they saw about twenty priests from the Temple of Bastet including the High Priestess Estet.

"Champion Equinox and Champion Cairo! You have finally arrived. It seems you have brought some reinforcements as well but the activity in the Thorny Pit is not that dangerous. I believe that it might have been a false alarm or rather just a check." The High Priestess Estet stated.

"It might be disrespectful to immediately rebuke you Estet, but this is not some simple survey mission. The Thorny Pit being this calm is unprecedented. Even if it is of the calmest season now, there should still be some centipede monsters that try to climb up the hole." Sadiki stated as he knows the behavior of the Thorny Pit.

"I also concluded the same as you, but we found out that the centipede monsters seem to be in mating season right now. They are all bundled up and coiled around each other. Even descending the pit is not that fruitful due to this situation. You can look at it yourselves." The High Priestess Estet stated as she pointed towards the hole.

Sadiki told his golden warriors to surround the Thorny Pit while he investigates. Adrian and Cairo also came with Sadiki to confirm what the High Priestess Estet stated. When they looked at the Thorny Pit, they are greeted with a horrifying image of possibly millions of centipede monsters coiling up around each other.

The name of Thorny Pit really lived up to its potential as numerous thorny appendages of centipedes are seen moving. Even the most fearless person might develop a trauma if they suddenly fall into that. To make matters worse for Adrian, he could see the spirits of the dead that were pushed to death in the Thorny Pit.

While the others were continuing their observation, Adrian walked up to one of the dead souls to talk to it. The moment the dead souls saw Adrian, they immediately swarmed him like he is a celebrity or something. The dead souls instinctively knew that the person before them has death's authority.

"Great One! Will you bring us to the afterlife?" One of the souls asked.

"I will not bring you there, but I can summon the door to where you will be judged." Adrian stated which made the souls initially sad but rejoiced when they heard the last sentence.

"Thank you, great one! We will not vanish like the others because of you." One of the souls stated as they waived.

"Vanish? Explain to me what is happening here." Adrian stated as souls vanishing is not something to be glad about.

If a soul is extinguished, then they will never be able to be reincarnated. There are very rare cases of souls being extinguished because special things needed to happen for it to be possible. The most crucial reason is that the place that they are in cannot reach the blessing of the Gods of Death.

The reason for there being many gods of death is for them to reach every soul in existence even if it is in the most secluded location. The fact that the Thorny Pit cannot let souls rest means that it has become hallowed ground. A place where even death does not reach and for that to happen would mean that this territory has become a god's dominion.

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"How could that be?! This place is not even bursting with divine energy. There is no way for it to have become a territory of a god." Adrian muttered.

"Is there something wrong, Guild Master?" Cairo asked as he saw Adrian talking to the air since he cannot see the spirits of the dead.

Adrian then explained what he is doing to Cairo which shocked the latter. Cairo also does not believe that the Thorny Pit has become a god's territory because he should have felt it. The High Priestess Estet and Sadiki should have felt it as well since they are vessels of gods. The two should be the most sensitive to divine energy since it passes through their body almost every possible occasion.

"Can we now leave, great one? We are so weary that we might disappear from this world without passing through the afterlife." The souls begged Adrian.

"I shall send you on your way but answer my question first. When you died in the Thorny Pit, did all of you feel a very powerful and dark energy?" Adrian stated.

The souls answered Adrian and told them that they did not as their mortal bodies died before they even reached the end of the pit. Just as Adrian is about to send them all away, a little spirit girl walked towards him while trembling. Adrian felt sorry for her because of what happened to her to die so young, but she did not expect that she would answer his question.

"Great one! I actually saw a glimpse of the energy that you were talking about. It was an energy that would make one puke just from seeing it as I died like that before getting eaten by the monsters. I did not see everything, but I did catch a glimpse of a greenish serpentine eye." The spirit of the little girl stated as she trembled while recalling her experience.

The spirits that lingered here could still remember how they died. Spirits that died a horrific death tend to forget it so that they can try to pass on to the afterlife, but they cannot. The soul is like the record for the world which means the way they died is already engraved in their core being.

Adrian took pity on the girl and patted her head to tell her that she will go to a nice place. Adrian then told her that she can request anything from him as he has great power in the afterlife. The little girl smiled but she only wanted to be reunited with her dead family that passed on before her. It seems the girl's family was killed during a raid, and she was sold as a slave but was thrown when her master became bored with her.

"Do not worry because I am sure you will meet your family there. I will make sure that the people there will treat you with utmost hospitality." Adrian stated as he took the hand of the little girl.

Adrian opened the door to Limbo which he told the dead souls to pass through. He would not have done so but he escorted the girl himself as both of them entered the door. Cairo, who was observing his guild master, suddenly dropped his jaw because Adrian vanished. He did not even teleport as there would be spell effects if he did.

The High Priestess Estet and Sadiki also noticed that Adrian suddenly vanished and asked Cairo. Cairo is also dumbfounded as he was just looking at his guild master for a few seconds and he vanished. A few seconds later, Adrian reappeared at the same spot that he vanished from which scared the three.

"Ghost!" Cairo shouted in surprise.

"How rude! I was just escorting a brave young girl to the afterlife." Adrian replied.

"Did Champion Equinox pass through the door of death? How are you still alive?" Sadiki asked as he knows that a person with a mortal body cannot pass through the door of death.

"You are in a different form!" Cairo noticed as Adrian changed to his Netheros form since his attire is all dark, purple and silver color.

"Of course, I changed my form. You cannot enter the underworld without becoming a being of death." Adrian stated.

"Does that mean the souls of the departed has met the God Osiris?" The High Priestess Estet asked as she knows that the souls of the departed in the western continent are in the jurisdiction of the God Osiris.

"Not all of them but the brave young girl did. I am sure she will be happy for a while with her family." Adrian stated as he invoked his rule to call upon a God of the Underworld to escort the little girl.

Adrian was smiling with a pained expression until it turned into rage. His demeanor suddenly changed as he commanded Kanlaon to summon all the heat that he can muster. Adrian started the first move as the bundle of centipedes are just a cover for the real horror below.

"Elemental Dragon Summon: Red Dragon!" Adrian stated in rage as a red magic circle appeared above him that summoned a red scaled dragon.

[The Red Dragon that you summoned has used Fire Rain.]

[The Red Dragon has turned the area into a sunny place.]

[All light and fire magic will have 10% increase in damage.]

The red dragon summoned flaming fireballs that rained on the Thorny Pit which made the people worry. The High Priestess Estet is worried that the centipedes might retaliate as they were provoked. Even Sadiki is a bit concerned as that number of centipedes are not easy to defeat and could wear them down.

"Champion Equinox! Maybe we should calm down." The High Priestess Estet stated.

"There is no time because the thing down there has already completely overtaken this whole area. It has turned this place into its hallowed ground. There is a reason why the souls of the dead did not pass onto the afterlife and was trapped here." Adrian stated.

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Adrian's sudden declaration made the two vessels of the god's shudder. If the thing that was supposedly sealed there has awakened for a long time, then it has already gotten power from its surroundings. The two does not want to believe Adrian because they do not want the western continent to be in danger, but the fear has started to creep up in their hearts.

The Fire Rain skill used by the Red Elemental Dragon summoned multiple fireballs in the area and made the sunshine in a place full of darkness and death. The fireballs raining down on the Thorny Pit is not the only thing that Adrian is cooking up as Kanlaon is gathering as much fire energy into his flame dragon ball to send down the pit.

Adrian wants to destroy all the monsters blocking the way down in order to see if the shadow of Apophis has revitalized itself. He fears that the fragment of the distorted god has become stable enough to wreak havoc into the world. If that happened, then it has the same power as a demigod or even more.

The Fire Rain skill made the Thorny Pit into a flaming pit as the fireballs ignited the bodies of the coiling centipedes. It seems that the centipede monsters are somewhat flammable as their body fluids are released during mating season which seem to increase the effects of the flame. The clicks of the centipede monsters could be heard as their bodies sizzled.

The group thought that the centipede monsters would actually try and escape the flaming pit, but they did not. This made the people around the centipede monsters wary as they might explode. Sadiki and the High Priestess Estet have different ways of thinking though as they know that something is up.

"Everyone! Cast fire magic into the Thorny Pit!" The High Priestess Estet commanded as she commanded everyone that she brought to cast fire magic despite not being adept at it.

"Warriors that can burn their enemies! Be ready to descend once we get a pathway." Sadiki commanded as he also thought that this is not the behavior of monsters being burned.

"I shall help you. Sun Ray!" Cairo stated as he lifted his spear staff and summoned a ray of light from the skies to pierce through the centipedes.

"Kanlaon, release it." Adrian commanded as he took flight to see the effect of the attack that Kanlaon will do.

Kanlaon released the giant flaming ball that looked like a sun. All the people there watched as Kanlaon dropped the giant flaming sun down towards the Thorny Pit. The smell of burnt centipede monsters flooded the area as numerous experience points flooded Adrian and Cairo. If only the two were present, then they would have increased their levels by quite a lot, but it got distributed to the party members which included the other warriors and priests.

"Kimat! Saena!" Adrian summoned the other two as well and they released attacks towards the pit.

Lightning came from the sky and crashed towards the Thorny Pit as well. Saena used her ability to bend light to also redirect the heat of the sun towards the pit to destroy the centipedes. The smell of burning centipedes and smoke from the pit rose to the sky which created an ash cloud so dark that the people from afar saw it as an ominous sign.

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"The Golden Warriors of Seth and the Priests of Estet have come to the Thorny Pit and setting it ablaze." One of the priests of Ammit reported to their leader who is the vessel of Ammit. The expression of the person could be seen in panic. He was the one that is supposed to watch over the Thorny Pit as instructed by the vessel of Ammit, but he was off doing something else at this time of day.

"I thought I told you to always watch over that pit even if it costs you your life." The Vessel of Ammit stated as she suddenly choked the servant's neck. The servant tried to claw his way out of his predicament, but he cannot overpower the Vessel of Ammit. In the end, the servant died as his neck got snapped like a twig.

"Everyone! We shall charge towards the Thorny Pit and punish those that deem to control our territory. Those that do not want to move will end up like that fool over there. Know that this is the punishment of those that do not do their duties even if it as simple as watching over a place." The Vessel of Ammit stated as she summoned her mount which is a gigantic alligator as it fed on the body of the dead man.

The warriors and priests of Ammit did not waste time as they do not want to be like the man that just died. They do not want to end up in the belly of the beast mount of the Vessel of Ammit. They at least want to die honorable deaths of falling on a battlefield.

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The flaming inferno that is the Thorny Pit got the attention of all those that wandered near it. It was not just the warriors and priests of Ammit that noticed but also the other mercenaries. They all went to the Thorny Pit to investigate but did not get close as they saw the golden warriors of the Temple of the Storm. They do not want to be targeted by those people as they are known to chase their prey.

The people that already saw the golden warriors earlier are shocked to see that the dragon was not actually their prey. They then saw a demon with four wings flying on the air as the dragon above shot down powerful flame magic. They have heard of this demon through word of mouth as he was the rumored Champion of the Twin Gods that destroys kingdoms that displease him.

"A lot of people have started to gather. I think the Temple of Ammit has already caught wind of what we are doing." The High Priestess Estet stated as she knows that their activity is no longer a secret.

"We just need to stop them from entering the area while we dig out the foul being hiding beneath the soil. The Champion of the Twin Gods does not look pleased with what is happening here in the Thorny Pit. If you would like to stop then you should tell him that first." Sadiki stated as he could see that Adrian is raging with fury.

"Can you stop him, Champion Cairo?" The High Priestess Estet asked.

"Nope." Cairo replied without even batting an eye as he knows that his guild master cannot be stopped. If he could then he would have done so during practice sessions. He also does not want to stop as well because it was the command of his patron god plus, he is getting lots of experience points from this just by releasing spells.

Just as the Thorny Pit is being burned right in front of their eyes, the sudden roar of a terrifying beast is heard. The powerful roar did not come from a small monster but from an incredibly large predator that came to view in just a few moments. A large reptilian monster suddenly barged right through the entrance of the Thorny Pit and a dangerous female was riding atop its back.

"Is that a dinosaur?" Cairo exclaimed as he could not believe such a large crocodile is being ridden by a person.

"She has come. This will be difficult as she even came with her favorite mount." The High Priestess Estet stated.

"Do not worry because I shall get that beasts head." Sadiki stated.

The one that came before them is the Vessel of Ammit named Anipe. She wore armor made of gold that resembled scales of a crocodile while having a cloak that seems to be made of a lion's mane. She also has a nuzzle on her face as if she is hiding what her lower face looks like.

"To think that the Vessel of Seth and the Vessel of Estet dares to do arson in the territory of the Goddess Ammit. It seems that all of you want to start an all-out war between our temples." Anipe stated with great anger as this situation made her look bad in front of other people.

"We are not doing anything bad, Anipe. We are just cleansing this area that has been cursed according to the Goddess Estet. She detected that a powerful negative energy came from this area and feared that it might affect the whole western continent. We have heard of the strange occurrences in your territory such as suddenly snowing when that is impossible in the western continent." The High Priestess Estet stated as she gave a false explanation of why they are here.

Anipe suddenly shuddered but did not show it as it will signal that she is hiding something. She fears that the secret of the Thorny Pit is already out.

Chapter 1339 Anipe

Anipe was not as merciless as she is now because she was once a normal girl until she became the slave of the previous Vessel of Ammit. She became the slave of the previous Vessel of Ammit because of her disfigurement that made her lower jaw appear as she has no lips. Her deformity garnered the attention of the not just the vessel but Ammit herself.

Anipe knew that she must not remain as a slave if she did not give anything to be praised. The slaves of the Vessel of Ammit are different as they fight for their lives every month. All slaves will need to either kill or greatly debilitate their opponent but the one that loses will always get fed to the current vessel's mount.

Anipe made sure to always win her matches and even go as far as poisoning her opponent before the match. The innocent girl that did not even kill an ant before became a killing machine that rose to the ranks of the Temple of Ammit as she was recognized greatly by the Goddess Ammit. A great change happened to her face when the Goddess Ammit blessed her.

The teeth that could be seen as she was born with no lips suddenly turned razor sharp. Her teeth became like that of a predator and her eyes slowly looked reptilian in nature. She was suddenly called the Crocodile Mouth Anipe because of this.

If it was the Anipe that came before all the fights then she would have cried because people are teasing her but she has changed. She became vicious and bloodthirsty that she ripped the flesh of the person that called her that using just her teeth. She even severed the head while munching on the heart of her victim.

The other slaves no longer dared to call her anything as they were filled with fear. She became the top contender for the leader of the slaves of the Vessel of Ammit. She achieved all of this when she was not even an adult as she achieved something more when her coming of age happened.

The reason why the Vessel of Ammit chooses slaves and make them fight is to make sure that they will be filled with hatred and vengeance on their hearts. The Goddess Ammit desires these people to be under her as they would be easier to control and be extremely compatible with her. When all the slaves came of age, only one was left alive and that was Anipe.

Anipe is then initiated by the Temple of Ammit to become the new Vessel of Ammit. The remaining slave would need to defeat the current vessel so that the Goddess Ammit can descend upon them. If they successfully defeat the current vessel then they will be blessed to become the new leader of the generation if not then the current vessel starts the process once again.

If the current vessel wins then they will be the one that eats the heart of the defeated. The current vessel of Ammit that was Anipe's master is already very old and have survived three initiations. He was already getting old, but he must fight against his full power against the initiate or else he will die from the rage of the Goddess Ammit.

The fight between the current vessel and the Initiate Anipe was fierce but the latter won in the end. Anipe defeated her master that was the object of her vengeance by beheading him. The Goddess Ammit smiled upon her victory and descended on her body for the first time.

When the Goddess Ammit descended onto Anipe, the body of the vessel became filled with incredible power. Her body also changed to look like the Goddess Ammit which is a crocodile head with a lion's mane. She dug out the heart of the previous vessel and ate it in one gulp.

Anipe's body was filled with the power of the previous vessels before her as she absorbed their strength. She roared as she finally became the new Vessel of Ammit as she has succeeded. She is no longer the slave that was dragged against her will but a person of great authority.

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"Stop this insolence or else my army will destroy all of you and I shall feast on your hearts." Anipe announced but she already knew the answer as she smiled greatly.

Anipe always wanted to taste the hearts of other Vessel of Gods, but they were in a treaty of peace. They cannot interfere with one another unless something like territory encroachment happens. She is glad that they came to this area as they will die to the being below the pits but she must taste their hearts first.

"Warriors of Ammit! Charge! We shall feast on the hearts of our enemies!" Anipe shouted as her beast charged towards Sadiki and the High Priestess Estet.

"Golden Warriors of Seth! Kill the ones that are preventing us from completing the task of our god!" Sadiki shouted as his armor suddenly covered his whole body.

"Priests of Bastet! Protect our comrades from the infidels!" The High Priestess Estet commanded as all the priests changed from offense to defense.

The battle between the collective force of the Temple of Bastet and the Temple of Seth fought against the Temple of Ammit. Cairo could not believe that the Temple of Ammit actually broke the treaty and announced war against two of the major powers of the western continent. He also got ready for a fight, but he guarded his guild master since he was still attacking the Thorny Pit.

"Guild Master! Will we not help them?" Cairo asked.

Adrian looked at Cairo and saw the situation of the battle. He knows that the combined force of the Temple of Bastet and Temple of Seth will not be able to handle the full force of the Temple of Ammit. They are surrounded as this is the territory of the Temple of Ammit and they cannot ask for reinforcements that easily.

"Saena! Aid our friends. Aether Domain!" Adrian commanded as he changed his form to his Aetheros Form.

Aether Dust is suddenly being spread throughout the battlefield as Adrian's form changed. He also commanded Kanlaon to sweep all the Aether Dust that Adrian is generating to all the people. Kimat and Kanlaon are always attacking the pit since they need to see the bottom.

"I think it is still not enough. Soul Recall!" Adrian casted as he summoned the door to the underworld to call upon a warrior or creature that died in this area.

The door to the underworld appeared but it is different as it was made of sand instead of skulls. The door to the underworld seems to change depending on the area. The door opened and a figure suddenly appeared. The one that Adrian summoned was actually an Anubis but much different to the ones handling Limbo.

The Anubis that Adrian summoned is much bigger and wore golden armor like the other golden warriors. The fierceness is also unmatched as he took out two scimitars from its back. The Anubis immediately jumped towards the enemies that Adrian directed it at as the latter has no time to command it.

"A God Warrior! How is that possible?!" Anipe muttered as she did not expect that a God Warrior will descend onto the battlefield since they are no longer able to come to the world.

"You should keep your eyes on me because I shall take your head today traitor!" Sadiki stated as his large scimitar almost cut off Anipe's neck.

"You are already branding me as a traitor! It seems you already knew what is beneath that pit! Tell me! Who told you!?" Anipe stated as she met the large scimitar with her bare hands.

"Seeing that you are keen on protecting it, it seems you have truly betrayed us and sided with the corrupted one. Is it true?! Has the Shadow of Apophis finally awakened and is gathering strength now?" The High Priestess Bastet asked.

Anipe smiled and took off her nuzzle since she no longer needs to hide her intent. The Goddess Ammit has known of the Shadow of Apophis for a long time and she was the reason why it has awakened. Anipe does not need to reply as she knows that the Shadow of Apophis has long awakened and has been stabilizing its power ever since.

"I do not answer to any of you two because I shall rip your hearts out and eat it!" Anipe shouted as she jumped away from her mount so that it could rampage to its heart's content.

Anipe went straight towards the High Priestess Estet as she was the easiest target of the two. Her mount was sent towards Sadiki so that he cannot help the High Priestess Estet. Just as Anipe's claw like fingers are about to hit the High Priestess Estet, she is suddenly blocked by a mirror.

Anipe's body passed through the mirror and ended up on the other side. The other side of the mirror was Adrian and he grabbed Anipe by the neck to slam her into the flaming inferno.

Chapter 1340 Shadow Of Apophis I

Adrian might be focusing on the destruction of the centipede monsters blocking the Thorny Pit but he must also pay attention to the people that he gathered. He immediately summoned his Primordial Armament: Mirror to collect all the information around him. He watched the battle and made sure to assist those that he can with slight spells or blocks.

Adrian paid more attention to the battle between Sadiki, Estet and Anipe. He did not expect that the Vessel of Ammit could easily go face to face with both Sadiki and Estet with just her mount. The rumors about the passing of power for the Vessels of Ammit might be true.

Adrian then saw Anipe jumping out from her mount and heading towards Estet. She sent her mount towards Sadiki to make sure that he does not protect Estet. Cairo is also busy fending off other golden warriors from the Temple of Ammit.

"I guess I should personally intervene." Adrian stated as he suddenly used Time Stop for one second to make sure he is able to save Estet just in time.

Adrian immediately manifested a mirror in front of Estet and returned time back to its previous flow but he noticed something when he stopped time. Adrian noticed a powerful negative energy and a clean pure energy from below the pit in that small instant. He took note of this, but he did need to save Estet first.

The mirror manifested in front of Estet just in time because he literally made it catch on time. The mirror is not a simple shield as Adrian created a portal mirror. The mirror made Anipe pass through it instead of blocking her attack.

When Anipe passed through the mirror, Adrian grabbed her by the neck while the other hands gripped her tightly to make sure that she does not escape. With all the strength that he can muster, Adrian slammed her towards the flaming pit.

Anipe did not expect the sudden attack on her which is why she did not immediately retaliate. When she was about to struggle from Adrian's grasps, she got pinned down by the additional hands of the demon. She was sent towards the flaming pit where she got covered with the burnt body of all the centipede monsters.

Anipe also felt gravity weighing down on her more than before which meant that demon must have done something. She kept falling down until the layers of centipede monsters were still alive. The centipede monsters smelt the scent of fresh blood and they jumped on her.

One would think that the situation would kill Anipe but she did not back down. A powerful bloodlust emanated from her which made the centipede monsters shudder for a moment but that did not stop their hunger. All the centipede monsters that are hungry and could reach Anipe immediately started their chance to rip her limbs and flesh.

Anipe shouted as her mouth opened and she also started to devour the centipede monsters. It seems that she was blessed to heal the damage she takes from the flesh she devours. That blessing came from the Goddess Ammit herself when she first descended onto Anipe.

Mere centipede monsters cannot stop Anipe as she is more powerful than them but it will also tire her out. She knew that she cannot continue like this which is why she immediately jumped up high crushing some of the centipede monsters. She would have reached the top but Adrian made sure that did not happen as he suddenly increased the gravity affecting Anipe to bring her back down.

Adrian did not stop there as he wanted to make sure that the centipede monsters will have a glorious feast because he sent all the golden warriors of Ammit towards the pit or at least those he can gather. The golden warriors that got sent to the pit are also swarmed by the centipede monsters.

The weakened ones are devoured while those that are still strong killed the centipede monsters attacking them. The warriors that saw what Adrian is doing shuddered as they suddenly imagined them being on the receiving end. The golden warriors of Ammit that were not sent to the pit immediately became wary of the flying mirrors around them as they do not want to become unlucky.

"Do you wish for my help, child?" A voice that is slimy and hair tingling suddenly popped into Anipe's mind.

Anipe already knew that the Shadow of Apophis is located at the bottom of the Thorny Pit. Her patron goddess already informed her that she will help the Shadow of Apophis as it needed to gather strength for its revival. Once the Shadow of Apophis is revived then the Goddess Ammit will be partners with the serpent to take over the western continent and be leader of the gods.

The Goddess Ammit no longer just wished to rule over the small region of the western continent as she wanted it all. She thought of this because the Sun God Ra has never been reborn which meant that he will not return if the Apophis gets fully resurrected. The Goddess Ammit even made her vessels to collect some fragments of Apophis to feed to the Shadow of Apophis to make its resurrection faster.

Although the Goddess Ammit is helping the Shadow of Apophis, it does not mean that she fully trusts the serpent. She planned on devouring the serpent once it regains some of its power that is sealed on the mortal plane. Once she devours half of Apophis, she will then devour the other half which is being fought by the God Seth in the Sun God Ra's divine realm.

"My goddess told me to not accept any help from you. I can handle this on my own." Anipe replied as she killed off more centipede monsters.

"Foolish child, it is I that owes Ammit gratitude as she is the reason why I am this strong despite being sealed for a long time. My awakening would have taken longer if not for her help. I may be a great devourer but I know when I need to help. I am also itching to devour some vessels of gods as they would make me more powerful." The Shadow of Apophis stated.

Anipe knew that she cannot trust the serpent, but she is also in a situation where her being exhausted means death. The other side already knows that a part of the serpent is sealed in the bottom of the Thorny Pit. It would make sense for her to accept the help now since it would make her job easier.

"Wake up my child! Do not fall for the serpent's temptation!" The Goddess Ammit suddenly announced to Anipe which jolted her from the control of the Shadow of Apophis.

Anipe did not know that the Shadow of Apophis was already trying to control her when it gave the idea of helping. The Goddess Ammit knew that her vessel is starting to get controlled which is why she immediately jolted her awake. The Shadow of Apophis has the ability to control others to bend to its will as long as it has inhaled the negative energy in its body.

The Shadow of Apophis made contact with the other vessels of Ammit using this. It woke up when a thousand bodies were thrown on the Thorny Pit as the life of the living became its sustenance. When it garnered enough energy, the Shadow of Apophis controlled the centipede monsters to not eat one of the humans.

It was not perfect control as the human thrown had nibbles on it but it was enough. The Shadow of Apophis used its energy to infest the human and deliver a message to the Vessel of Ammit who was using the Thorny Pit as an execution ring. This is when the Goddess Ammit also knew the existence of a hidden piece of Apophis sealed in the mortal plane.

"I am greatly sorry my goddess! It seems my exhaustion has made me susceptible to the whims of the serpent." Anipe replied as she is always sent down every time that she tries to escape.

"Do not worry my child. You are against a Champion of the Primordial Gods. You cannot defeat him by yourself as he is also being supported by another champion and two vessels. I shall let you have my aid." The Goddess Ammit stated.

"Thank you, my goddess." Anipe replied as the Goddess Ammit answered her prayers.

A beam of light shot down from the heavens and penetrated Anipe's body. The Vessel of the Goddess Ammit has received her patron goddess. The Goddess Ammit knew that her vessel will not be enough for this match up.

"Hello, Ammit. It seems that you have been well." The Shadow of Apophis stated as it greeted the Goddess Ammit.

"I would say the same if you did not attempt to tempt my vessel. We have an agreement, and it seems that only I know the rules." The Goddess Ammit stated.